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## U.S. 'Oliver Twist' Run To Start In Texas

### League For Civil Liberties Gets Started In Tel Aviv

National Jewish Post

TEL AVIV—A League for Civil Liberties has opened offices in Tel Aviv.

Disclosure of the new organization was revealed in a substantial advertisement in the Jerusalem Post. Prof. Leon Roth, noted Israeli educator, is one of the moving spirits of the new group.

Theme of the first advertisement was that the people were sovereign and should take action to deal with complaints of encroachment by the Government on individual rights.

#### THE REASON WHY

"Non-partisan organizations in democratic and civilized countries exist to protect the rights of the citizens. Such an organization is being formed in Israel," the announcement declared.

Prof. Roth declared that "day and night, no matter where you go—at home, in your friends' homes, in cafes and restaurants, you hear complaints and criticism about the conduct of affairs, about the numerous regulations and about the encroachment by the Government administration on the privileges, rights and private life of the ordinary citizen."

The advertisement said that all political parties were discussing



PROF. LEON ROTH  
Let The Citizen Act

the matter "and are trying to exploit the situation for their own benefit. Everybody talks about it, everybody complains, but there is no action."

The sponsors of the project indicated that the league was not organized in response to any great peril but to give the ordinary citizen a means of fighting the burdens of petty bureaucracy.

"If you suffer unjustified burdens from the authorities, apply to The League for Civil Liberties and we will deal with the matter," the advertisement said.

### McDonald Quits Israel Envoy Job

NE WYORK—James G. McDonald was due in New York this week, having terminated his services as ambassador to Israel.

The Associated Press reported from Tel Aviv that McDonald resigned last summer, ending months of mystery about his status as envoy.

### Sees Hale Smear Of Mrs. Rosenberg

WASHINGTON—Sen. Wayne Morse said this week that he believed "some anti-Semitic" forces were seeking to smear Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg.

Sen. Morse spoke as a member of the committee considering the fitness of Mrs. Rosenberg to become Assistant Secretary of Defense.

The senator said Monday that charges of Communist affiliations against Mrs. Rosenberg "have not been supported by the evidence."

"Several aspects of the hearing have been very saddening because I'm satisfied that some anti-Semitic forces in America are taking advantage of this opportunity to smear Anna Rosenberg," Sen. Morse said.

### Jessel To Produce Film On Esther

HOLLYWOOD—Twentieth-Century-Fox has acquired an option on a screen treatment of the story of Esther, with George Jessel as producer.

The N. Y. Times reported that the plans were contingent on the reception for "David and Bathsheba," currently under production by the same studio.

Dennis Hoey was reported as having been chosen for the role of Joab in David and Beersheba.

#### MORE CITIES VOTING

TEL AVIV—Municipal elections are to be held shortly in Acre, Beersheba and Migdal Gad, which are inhabited largely by new immigrants.

### New Storm Growing Over British Movie

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—A new storm was brewing this week over "Oliver Twist" with the partial end of a two-year ban on showing of the British-made film in the United States.

Disclosure that the movie soon will be shown by a chain of theaters in Texas was made by Simon Wincelberg, POST Hollywood columnist.

Possibility of release of the much-discussed film in Detroit was revealed by Helen Bowers, movie critic for the Detroit Free Press. She reported last week that a major local distributor was planning to release the film in the Motor City soon.

At the same time it was confirmed that the Motion Picture Association of America had declined to place its seal of approval on the film.

#### CIVIL RIGHTS GROUP FIGHTS STAND

The MPA action was assailed Monday by the National Council on Freedom from Censorship, an affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union, whose general counsel, Arthur Garfield Hays, is a Jew.

The group, in a letter to Eric Johnston, MPA president, asked the association to hold a hearing on its refusal to approve the film for distribution which "in effect will bar the film from most United States theaters."

That prediction was supported by information obtained by Wincelberg, who reported he had been informed that without the MPA seal, few theaters in the United States would be likely to show the movie.

The civil liberties group, in its letter, said it was taking cognizance of efforts by "private groups" to suppress the film because of its alleged anti-Semitism. The group asked whether the MPA failure to approve the movie was due to such pressure.

#### TEXAS CHAIN TO OPEN RUN

Wincelberg reported that the O'Donnel chain in Texas will show the J. Arthur Rank film soon.

What action was planned by Jewish groups, either in Texas or nationally was not learned.

The fight began when Eagle-Lion, American distributors for Rank, scheduled the U. S. premiere of the film in Music Hall in New York in the fall of 1948.

In response to that information, the New York Board of Rabbis called the movie a "vehicle of blatant anti-Semitism" and called on Johnston to do all he could to keep the film out of the United States.

#### RABBIS SEE REAL THREAT

The target of Jewish group opposition was the portrayal of a Jew named Fagin in the Charles Dickens classic. In its statement, the New York rabbis group said the film "can dangerously heighten whatever racial tensions exist and will assuredly play into the hands of un-American elements in this country."

No official statement was made, but it was learned immediately thereafter that plans for a U. S. run of the film had been suspended. By that time, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith had intervened and reported it had received assurances that the film would not be released in the United States. (NJP, Sept. 17, 1948).

#### OPENED IN CANADA, THEN BANNED

The picture opened that week in Canada and in England but it has not been shown anywhere in the United States. Later it was banned in Quebec.

The issue of the film's unofficial but effective ban has bobbed up repeatedly since in debates on censorship. Jewish spokesmen have taken the position that the censorship charge is unreal in the face of the allegedly revolting characterization of Fagin and its probable effects on non-Jewish movie spectators, particularly children.

### GIFT OF NON-JEW FINANCES ISRAEL TRIP FOR ST. PAUL RABBI

National Jewish

ST. PAUL—The friendship of a major non-Jewish manufacturer for an Orthodox rabbi has made possible a trip to Israel and Europe for the spiritual leader and his wife.

Rabbi Morris C. Katz of the Sons of Jacob synagogue here has been named by the Hebrew Theological College of Chicago and the alumni association of which he is president, to make a survey of religious life in Israel.

Expenses have been assumed by the internationally-known business figure, who has asked no personal publicity. Rabbi Katz will take with him gifts

Weizmann, Premier David Ben-Gurion and Chief Rabbi Herzog.

The manufacturer has made sizeable contributions to the rabbi's synagogue, donating \$10,000 in November, 1949, and matching it a year later.

#### NEW BEET PLANT

TEL AVIV—Construction of a factory for the production of sugar from beets is being planned by Hamashbir Hamerkazi, Central Purchasing Cooperative of Israel's Federation of Labor. The plant will be located in the Negev where most of the beets from the manufacturer for Dr. will be cultivated.

### Hecht Film Ban By British Stands

BOSTON—The ban on films written or produced by Ben Hecht has been reaffirmed by British exhibitors for the second time in two months.

The general council of the Cinematograph Exhibitors association voted in favor of retaining the ban, the Boston Jewish Times reported.

The ban was first imposed during Hecht's promotional efforts on behalf of the Irgun Zvai Leumi, a terrorist group active during the British Mandatory regime in Palestine.

### McCloy to Speed-Up Restitution Orders

MUNICH (WNS)—U. S. High Commissioner John J. McCloy has issued orders to all restitution offices in the U. S. zone of Germany to speed up restitution claims and complete the entire program by the end of next year, it was reported here.

The order also urges that restitution claims which formerly were delayed up to six months, be taken up within three months of receipt of application. By eliminating this red tape, the government hopes to complete the return of property to Nazi victims by 1951.

### Haifa Uses Safety Contest, With Prizes, In Bid To Cut Down Toll Of Auto Mishaps

National Jewish Post

HAIFA—That uniquely American device, the contest, has been put into operation here in a successful bid to cut the toll of traffic accidents.

Sponsor of the contest is the Zehirut Association for Preventing Traffic Accidents in Haifa. Spokesman for the group is M. Schlaski, assistant district superintendent.

Schlaski reported that traffic accidents here averaged 80 per month in August, September and October. During the first three months of November, when the contest started, the number dropped to 34.

About 1,100 drivers have signed up for the contest. Members of Zehirut are placed at strategic points to watch participants for driving conduct. In cases of lack of attention, they deduct points from the driver's total. There are five prizes for the winners periodically.

Children of 21 Haifa schools, members of the

Fire Brigade and the Home Guard all are active as volunteer watchers.

Schlaski said competitions will be organized soon for courtesy and for cleanest cars. An anti-noise campaign also is under consideration.

He said that 65 per cent of all traffic accidents are caused by lack of attention on the part of the driver to what he is doing. Inattentive pedestrians are responsible for another 20 per cent. Eight per cent are due to bad roads and seven to mechanical defects in cars.

Schlaski said Zehirut is more than a voluntary association, since it handles actual spending of municipal funds. He said that Zehirut has spent 250,000 pounds on widening streets, closing dangerous passageways, placing bus stops at safer places and building sidewalks.

Further spending is planned for more traffic lights, new parking space and widening of streets.



## DIGEST OF YIDDISH PRESS ALL HAIL BRILLIANT NEW IDEA FOR CIVIC DEFENSE SPENDING

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

**A**N EXCEEDINGLY hard-hitting attack upon good-will and Jewish "defense" work appears in the current KEMPFER. Rabbi Kalman Manelo, of Wilkes-Barre calls anti-defamation "a costly illusion," and pulls no punches in denouncing the high Welfare allocations given to the Joint Defense Appeal compared to what educational institutions get.

Rabbi Manelo writes that he once proposed a more direct way of spending the six million dollars of the defense agencies. Take the money, and give \$1000 outright to 6000 gentiles a year and ask them "to love the Jews." With such mockery, he also exoriates the "good will meetings" and the



SILVER

competition among Jewish groups to court non-Jewish favor. Once, recalls Rabbi Manelo, he spoke at a good will meeting, and his lecture was praised by the chairman as "a statement so fine that it might have come directly from the lips of God's son." On the way out of the hall, Rabbi Manelo overheard someone saying to his companion, "You know, that — Jew delivered a fine talk." Concludes the writer: "Statistics will show that we spend more on good-will than on education. We seem to be more interested in making gentiles into better Christians than we are in making Jews better Jews."

### ★ ★ ★ Catholic Indictment Gets High Praise

When a Jew says that anti-Semitism derives from the nature of Christian dogma, that's routine. When a Christian says it, it is news. But when a Catholic scholar devotes an entire book to the subject, that's sensational. Hence, the recently published volume, "The Foot of Pridn," subtitled "The Pressure of Christendom upon the People of Israel for 1900 Years," written by Malcolm Hay and put out by the Beacon Press gets three columns of analysis and praise by David Adelsberg, of the JOURNAL. "The book is a remarkable documentation of the entire history of Christian persecution of the Jew . . . and it puts the blame exactly where it belongs," writes Adelsberg.

### ★ ★ ★ The Story Behind Story Of Roberta Peters Success

The steward at Grossinger's resort in New York would never leave Jan Peerce free, he would always beg him to find time to listen to his teen-age granddaughter sing. Finally, Peerce gave in, and gave Leon Hirsh's granddaughter, Roberta, an hour. Impressed by her voice, Peerce arranged for Roberta to take lessons from his own singing teacher, William Herman.

The next six years was a time of intensive training for Roberta. She studied hard and, guided by

Herman, she cultivated her voice so well that two years ago she was offered a role in "Street Scene" for \$1200 a week. Determined to go into the opera, she turned down the offer, despite the fact that her economic condition and that of her father, Solomon Peterman, a shoe salesman, was very modest.

Finally, she won an audition with Rudolph Bing, the Met's impresario, who hired her on the spot. But normally it would be a long time before the youngster would get a top role. Then, on the night that the Metropolitan began its season, one of those cinematic stories actually happened. Diva Nadid Kaner took ill, and an understudy was needed. With only four hours' notice, 20-year-old Roberta Peters stepped into the part. Her singing swept the audience to their feet and the critics off of theirs. She was hailed as one of the brightest new singing stars of this generation; the reviews praised her more than "Don Giovanni," the opus in which she sang.

Out to the modest Peterman third-floor apartment in the Bronx went Chaim Ehrenreich, of the FORWARD, chatted with the Petermans and the new star, who understood his Yiddish, and also with William Herman, the jubilant teacher. Roberta, whose figure matches her voice for beauty, was also exhilarated, but somewhat melancholy. Why? asked Ehrenreich. Because, said the girl, she was thinking of her grandfather. When Roberta made her spectacular debut it was exactly the sixth yahrzeit of the death of Leon Hirsh, whose "noodging" of Jan Peerce resulted in the making of a new star in the operatic heavens.

The major investment of British funds in Israel is 14 million dollars in the Palestine Economic Corp.

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## Haifa Moves Toward 'Detroit Of Israel' Role With Opening Of First Auto Assembly Plant

National Jewish Post

**HAIFA**—This port city will take its first step toward becoming the "Detroit of Israel" when gleaming new cars come off the assembly line next month of the nation's first auto plant, Kaiser-Frazer.

Ephraim Ilin, chairman of the K-F of Israel, said last week that the start of production will be the beginning of an annual gross income of \$20,000,000 in foreign currency.

He said the factory hopes to export about 5,500 K-F cars and Mack trucks a year. The plant will start with 300 to 400 workers.

One third of the material used in production will come from local supplier plants as fast as they go into operation.

Ilin said that export of vehicles to South American countries, from which orders are ex-

pected, will be particularly advantageous. He said cars could be exchanged for meat from those countries without a single dollar being involved.

The \$2,500,000 invested in the Haifa K-F plant is made up of one million from American investors and the balance from Israeli investors.

The assembly plant, which has been completed, is big enough to house two soccer fields. It will house one of the most modern assembly lines in the world, Ilin said.

Four kinds of cars will be produced at the new plant. These will include a four-door sedan, a two-door sedan, the "Traveller," and the "Henry J," an Israeli version of the new low-priced car the American K-F plant is now producing.

## Neumann Says Israel Right Swing Has Boosted U.S. Grant Chances

World Wide News Service

**MIAMI BEACH**—Influential circles in Washington are convinced that the results of the recent municipal elections in Israel represent "a powerful trend in Israel away from the extremes of right and left, and toward a liberal-democratic center," Dr. Emanuel Neumann, former ZOA president, declared here at the Southeastern Regional Conference of the Zionist Organization of America.

### Canada Jewry Plans Conclave For Israel

National Jewish Post

**MONTREAL**—Canadian Jewry will meet on Jan. 21 and 22 to discuss its part in relieving Israel's financial crisis. The Canadian counterpart of the Washington National Planning Conference will be held in Montreal.

The announcement came last week from national headquarters of the Zionist Organization of Canada. A small group will make plans for the January session at a preliminary meeting on Dec. 17, the ZOC public relations director told the POST.

Among the participating organizations will be the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Labor Zionist Organization of Canada and the Mizrahi (religious Zionists). ZOC represents the General Zionist groups. The affiliated women's groups — Hadassah, the Pioneer Women and the Mizrahi Women will also send representatives.

Samuel Bronfman, national president of Congress, will preside at the conference. Vice chairmen will be Michael Garber, K. C. vice chairman of Congress' National Executive Committee, and E. E. Gelber and Samuel E. Schwisberg, K. C., co-presidents of ZOC.

### Flint Reform Jews Dedicate New Temple

**FLINT, Mich.**—A dream of many years became a reality for Flint's Reform Jewry.

More than 600 guests gathered for the dedication of the new structure, a one-story building of modern design. Normal seating capacity is for 300 people but a motor-controlled folding door at the rear of the sanctuary opens into the social hall for an additional 700 persons.

Rabbi Morton M. Applebaum is spiritual leader.

### French Collaborators All Are Released

**PARIS (WNS)**—By a vote of 336 to 263, Parliament has voted to release all Frenchmen who collaborated with the Nazis during the occupation.

The general amnesty will release from prison thousands of collaborators who helped the Germans round up Jews who were in hiding.

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## Total Lie, Says UJA Of Berger Charge JDC 'Shanghaiing' Jews Into Israel

SEATTLE—The United Jewish Appeal denounced last week as a complete fabrication a charge by anti-Zionist leader Rabbi Elmer Berger that the Joint Distribution Committee was "shanghaiing" Jews into Israel against their will.

Disclosure of the latest charge of the anti-Zionists and the formal rejection was made in an exchange of letters published in the Seattle TRANSCRIPT, communally-operated local Anglo-Jewish weekly.

The charge was reported by Harold J. Poll, in a letter to the United Jewish Appeal, reporting on a meeting Nov. 2 of the local chapter of the American Council for Judaism, of which Rabbi Berger is na-

tional executive director.

Poll informed the UJA that Rabbi Berger said that the JDC was "shanghaiing" Jews into Israel "against their will, by tying the victims hands and feet and throwing them into railroad cars which were sealed and the victims were not released until they reached Israel."

Poll's letter did not indicate whether Rabbi Berger had offered any evidence to support his charge. Poll's letter also did not indicate whether he had raised any question at the Council meeting on how sealed trains could have carried Jews from Europe over the Mediterranean sea, or between the Arab

countries and Israel, between which there is no important rail traffic.

The reply was made by Martin Panzer, executive assistant, who informed Poll that "the statement quoted in your letter and attributed to Rabbi Berger contains not the faintest element of fact."

The charge by Rabbi Berger was significant also for the fact that it represents the first major attack on a UJA agency since 1948. During that year, Rabbi Morris Lazaron conducted so widespread a campaign of vilification against the UJA in the Southwest that special squads had to be sent out to clear the record for Jewish communities there.

## Conservative Scholar Offers Simple Plan To Solve Pressing Problem Of The Agunah

By MARC H. TANENBAUM

National Jewish Post Correspondent

NEW YORK—(NJP)—A new and strikingly simple proposal for solving the vexing problem of the Agunah in Jewish Law was presented this week by a leading Conservative scholar.

Dr. Michael Higger, a member of the Commission on Law of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, proposed a change in the marriage formula recited by the groom as one way of ending the halachic deadlock on the Agunah question.

The change calls for the groom to add the phrase "Al Daat Bet Din" (with the consent of the Bet Din) to the usual marriage formula recited during the marriage ceremony. The phrase is also to be added to the Ketubah, the Jewish marriage document.

**WITHIN FRAMEWORK**

Writing in the current issue of "Conservative Judaism," a quarterly research journal published by the Rabbinical Assembly, Dr. Higger pointed out that his new suggestion is "within the ramification of Jewish Law and at the same time practical."

Once this change was accepted, the Conservative scholar said, "a Bet Din would later, at any time, have the authority to nullify such a marriage retroactively, since originally the marriage was performed on a condition that the Bet Din should agree to it."

The standard marriage formula which is recited under the canopy makes no reference to Bet Din, declaring simply that "Behold thou art betrothed to me with this ring in accordance with the Law of Moses and Israel." With Dr. Higger's proposed change, the formula would read: "Behold thou art betrothed to me with this ring with the consent of Bet Din and in accordance with the Law of Moses and Israel."

**SOLVING PROBLEM**

Empowered to nullify retroactively marriages consecrated by this formula, the Bet Din could easily dispose of the status of agunot. According to Jewish Law, an Agunah is a widow who has lost her husband under circumstances which made recovery of the body impossible and she is forbidden to remarry.

Dr. Higger, who has published 20 volumes on Talmudic and halachic problems and more than 300 articles in scholarly publications, noted in his two page article several objections which were "usually raised" in cases of ordinary conditional marriages. But, he pointed out, in the light of various Talmudic principles he discusses, that these objections would not apply to the case he suggests.

He also made it clear that in addition to the conditional phrase "with the consent of Bet Din," his plan calls for an act of an-



DR. MICHAEL HIGGER  
New Plan For New Times

nulment of the original marriage at a later time. He emphasized that "such acts of annulment were frequently practiced by the rabbis in the medieval period, even in cases where the original marriage ceremony was performed without any condition whatever."

**WHY NOT BEFORE?**

To his rhetorical question, "If the plan is so simple and within the ramification of the Jewish Law, why did not the rabbis of the Talmudic period introduce it?" Dr. Higger replied that "the Agunah problem in that period was not so widespread and alarming to call for 'wholesale' solution."

The famous scholar added that "for this reason the rabbis throughout the ages have introduced new takanot . . ."

What about the children born of such a marriage, which is later nullified by a Bet Din? Dr. Higger's reply: "According to Jewish Law, children born out of wedlock, the parents being Jewish, are considered legitimate children in every respect, the popular conception to the contrary notwithstanding."

**SEES OPPOSITION**

In concluding the article, "The Agunah Problem Again: A New Suggestion," Dr. Higger said that he was aware "of the fact that the Orthodox rabbis, as well as some members of the Rabbinical

Assembly, will object to this 'Higger Plan,' even as they have done in the past in the case of other plans to solve the Agunah problem. But this should not stop us from examining the plan carefully and giving it our serious consideration, in order to solve the Agunah problem before it is too late."

"It should also be remembered that the Agunah problem is not a synagogue problem but rather a problem of Klal Yisroel," he added. "The objections, therefore, would come not from the synagogues as such, but from some rabbis."

### First Load of Wheat Shipped to Israel

PARIS (WNS)—The first transport of 5,000 tons of wheat for Israel left this city last week and another transport, of 4,000 tons, is due to leave Versailles within the next few days, it was disclosed here this week.

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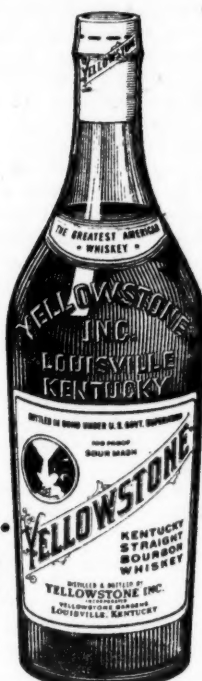
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## FRANK REPORTS FROM ISRAEL

## Shlomo Kaplansky Was Scientist, Technician, Administrator, Zionist

Ed. Note: The following account of a visit to the Haifa Technion was prepared several weeks ago. Publication problems have prevented printing of the column until this week. The POST offers the column as a form of commemoration for a great figure in Zionism and Jewish education.

By M. Z. FRANK

JERUSALEM—Israel is a funny place. In Jerusalem and Tel Aviv buses don't run on Saturdays and holidays but taxis do. The same goes for inter-urban buses—and taxis. But in Haifa buses do run between one section of the city and another. You can't travel from Haifa to Tel Aviv on a bus on Saturday, or from one part of Hadar Hacarmel to another. But you can travel from Hadar Hacarmel to the top of Mount Carmel.

Abba Koushy's kingdom of the Haifa Labor Organization has its offices in Hadar Hacarmel. Abba Koushy himself lives in the same section. David Hacohen's labor empire of Solel Boneh is, I think, also in Hadar Hacarmel. But the emperor himself lives way up on the Carmel, from which he can look down on the whole of Haifa of which he is acting mayor, whether the actual mayor, Shabbatai Levi, is in town or out of town. The Technion is in Hadar Hacarmel, but Principal Shlomo Kaplansky lives on the Carmel.

Old Haifa, "the city," is way down by the port, where there is also the railway station. Hadar Hacarmel is half way up the mountain but the steepest climb is up Carmel itself. A few short years ago it was sheerest forest. We were staying with relatives in Hadar Hacarmel.

WELL, WE WERE invited to Kaplansky's for "kiddush" on the first day of Succos. So we took a walk up to the end of Herzl street, near the Armon theater, and got on a bus. It is 33 mills or prutas on week days (about nine cents), but on a holiday the fare is 43 prutas (about 12 cents). You pay an extra ten prutas for the pleasure of breaking God's law. Less than three cents—what a bargain!

It's worth it. Any trip up the Carmel is worth any price, just for the magnificent view of the mountains, the gorges and the sea.

We got off at the Mercas Hacarmel (Carmel Center) and went in for a drink. In Hadar Hacarmel no cafes are open on a holiday but way up the mountain they are less strict. Then we went looking for the house number, 18 on a street called Shoshanath Hacarmel, meaning "Lily of the Carmel" which is where Shlomo Kaplansky lives.

WHENEVER I think of my acquaintance with Shlomo Kaplansky, I recall our first breakfast together in the American House in Tel Aviv, early in April, 1948. Neither of us had slept much that night; Dr. Kaplansky had spent the whole night at a meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee, discussing the advisability of the immediate proclamation of a Jewish State while I could not sleep because there was so much shooting that night between Jaffa, then still Arab, and Tel Aviv. (The American House is very close to Jaffa).

What do you think was the subject of our conversation at the table? The shooting? The deliberations of the Actions Committee? The fate of the Jews in Palestine? The Technion? No, and you'd never guess. It was the Hebrew spoken in Israel. Dr. Kaplansky remarked that after so many years of speaking Hebrew in this country, "our teach-

ers still haven't evolved a uniform pronunciation of the 'r' and the 'l.'"

Besides being a scientist, Dr. Kaplansky also is a linguist. He speaks several languages well—with mathematical precision, so to speak. It is an esthetic pleasure to listen to him speak any language, even English, which he speaks haltingly, just as it is an esthetic enjoyment to look at his face and to be in his company. As a type, he is one of the very finest specimens of that generation of cultured idealists from Eastern Europe who built up this Israel. But he possesses some qualities of his own, not common in his type; quiet, systematic thinking and precision in speech. "How is your son?" I asked him in the course of the conversation, "the one I met at the American House a year and a half ago?"

"Fine. He is out of the army

## Kaplansky Dies After Operation

HAIFA—Dr. Shlomo Kaplansky, president of the Haifa Technion died last week in a Haifa hospital following an operation. He was 68.

The Zionist official and educator held many top political and technical positions in the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency before he was named Technion head 20 years ago.

Born in Poland, descendant of a family of rabbinic traditions, Kaplansky had a private Hebrew education. He went to Israel in 1912, the year the Haifa Technion was founded.

He was secretary of the Jewish National Fund from 1913 to 1918, and of the finance and economic committees of the World Zionist Organization from 1921 to 1924.

now. He is a practicing engineer?"

"He is the only sabra I met who speaks Hebrew correctly, without slurring over a single syllable or violating any grammatical rules," I remarked.

"Well, I used to work hard correcting his mistakes from school," Kaplansky said.

YOUNG KAPLANSKY had married the daughter of Shimon Hacohen and when their son was born, two prominent Israeli families celebrated the bris. It was then, right after the celebration, that I ran into the happy father and made his acquaintance in Tel Aviv. He was still in uniform.

"The little fellow gives me much joy now," said the grandfather. "He has his room upstairs. When he wakes up, you will see him."

Dr. Kaplansky lives in a modest house, very modestly furnished, by American standards, much too modest for a man in his position. It is beautifully situated, though. He seemed to apologize for that: "If we had not moved up here ten years ago, I would not have been able to do my work."

Hadar Hacarmel, where the Technion is situated and where the Kaplanskys lived until ten years ago, is normally a noisy place. During the troubles it was especially noisy.

Fourteen years of struggle, the responsibility for an institution, for 1,400 students, and age, Dr. Kaplansky added, make their mark. That was in reply to my observation that he had grown thinner since I last saw him.

IN ANOTHER YEAR, he will have been in charge of the Technion for 20 years. In honor of that "important event in my life," as he termed it, he is preparing a collection of his political writings and addresses—in Hebrew, to be sure—and is hatching plans for the Technion. Already the Technion has founded a nautical school, besides the ordinary Technical high school, which is not new. Thanks to donations from America, the completion of the Kish laboratories is nearing

## Israel Store Owner Charges Civil Rights Violated In Arrest

National Jewish Post

TEL AVIV—The owner of a large shoe store was acquitted on charges of "unreasonable refusal to sell" a pair of shoes, after testifying to violation of his civil liberties in his arrest.

Yitzhak Soriano was cleared by an Anti-Profitteering Court after the prosecutor had asked for the acquittal. David Perness, the clerk charged with refusing the sale to two policewomen in civilian dress, also was cleared.

Jacob Breuer, representing the district attorney's office, said the testimony of one of the policewomen was unreliable.

Soriano testified he had been taken from bed at midnight last Oct. 4 and brought to jail hand-cuffed. He said he had been kept in various jails with all sorts of criminals and was refused permission to see his attorney for four days.

Parness told a similar story, charging he had not been given food or drink for 48 hours.

Soriano said that among the 6,000 pairs of shoes in the store, there were only nine of the size asked for by one of the policewomen. The clerk had shown two pairs which did not please the women, nor could they find something suitable in the display windows.

An expert witness testified that only one pair of shoes in stock would have suited the policewoman and that there was no refusal to sell whatever.

Jacob Hagler, the defense attorney, asked the Court to criticize the conduct of the police authorities toward his clients.

and a new Assembly Hall is in the planning. Besides, the Jewish National Fund has allotted to the Technion a large tract of land on the road to Tel Aviv on which four new buildings are contemplated. A new library is in the making.

The Technion proper, that is, the Institute of Technology, has this year a registration of some 800 students, including 50 women. Ten students are from America.

The problem of the teaching personnel is difficult. The main reservoir of intellectual forces, Europe, has dried up. You have to get them now from the English-speaking countries.

What Dr. Kaplansky did not mention but what I learned elsewhere is that the salaries at the Technion are very low and that makes it very difficult to get good men, especially from America.

"You have a very good group in the American Technion Society," we told him. He agreed. But Meyer Weisgal tells him that for a group like that there ought to be more money available for the Technion.

"Maybe he is right," said Dr. Kaplansky, "maybe I am too conservative in my approach for funds."

## 10,000 Sacks Sent To U. S. of Israel Soil

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## Mizrachi Says Bloc Third In City Voting

National Jewish Post

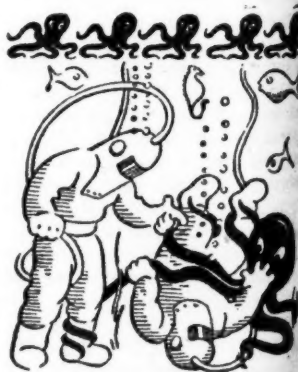
NEW YORK—The Mizrachi (religious-Zionist) Organization of America asserted this week that the Religious Bloc emerged as the third largest winner in the municipal elections held in Israel Nov. 14.

The Religious Bloc polled more than 13 per cent of the total votes cast and won representation in 37 out of the 43 areas in which elections were contested, the Mizrachi organization said.

"This percentage is a half per cent higher than that gained by the Religious Bloc in the Knesset elections," the organization said.

"Until the last few days, general press reports either claimed a sharper decline in Religious Bloc strength than actually was the case, or failed to report Religious Bloc results altogether," Mizrachi charged.

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## I THINK AS I PLEASE

HERE IS ONE HELPFUL IDEA  
FOR THAT YULETIDE PROBLEM

By CARL ALPERT

As the date of Christmas approaches, and the merry carols echo more frequently on the radio and at every busy street corner, Jewish parents become more disturbed and upset at the influence the holiday season has on their young ones. The family on Pitkin Avenue, Brooklyn, may not sense the same disturbances, but to hundreds of thousands of others outside of New York the problem is genuine and apparently insoluble.

As we have pointed out in recent weeks in this corner, we are living in a Christian country and must make the best of our environment. Those children who attend Jewish Day Schools or Yeshivahs are spared the worst of the Christmas propaganda and are best equipped to withstand the subtle influence of the season. Parents of others can only repeat the tongue-in-cheek wish of Grace Goldin recorded in the November issue of Commentary: the perfect solution, she writes, is for both her children to take sick "the week before Thanksgiving and stay sick till the twenty-second of December, but who can be so lucky?"

Yes, parents must make the best of the situation, and seek to reason with their little ones.

YES, DAVID AND Ruth, Christmas is a pleasant holiday for our neighbors. It is good to have holidays, so that people can be happy and thankful and gay. If not for holidays, every day would be just like every other day—and life would get so monotonous. That's why we have Shabbat, too, so that each week we have one special day set apart from the rest.

And we celebrated Chanukah a few weeks ago—surely you haven't forgotten. Do you think our neighbors are jealous of us because Chanukah lasts for eight days and their Christmas lasts for one day only? God doesn't like people to be jealous, and that's why He has given them this holiday all of their own.

Didn't we have fun on Chanukah! Presents every single night! Remember when we invited Gary in to watch the lighting of the Chanukah candles—and kept the candles in the window so all the neighbors could see them?

SANTA CLAUS? Oh yes, there are lots of them. Nice old men dress up in costume—the way you dress up on Purim, remember? It's like a game. Nobody has ever seen a real Santa Claus. Maybe he's like Eliyahu, the prophet. Maybe if you stay awake at the Pesach Seder this year you'll be able to see Eliyahu when he comes to sip the wine.

Christmas trees are pretty, aren't they? It's a shame to cut down the poor little trees before they can grow up. Then they die and have to be thrown away. I always feel sad after Christmas when I see the dead trees. Instead of killing trees, isn't it much nicer to plant them? We plant trees in Israel, don't we?

In Israel everybody celebrates Chanukah; that's because all the people are Jewish. And they even have great big electric Menorahs on top of the synagogue and other buildings. They celebrate Chanukah in the very same place where Judah Maccabee lived when he defeated the armies that had invaded the country long ago.

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In ZOA Debate

JERUSALEM — A three-news-paper international debate was settled this week about the membership of the Zionist Organization of America.

The exchanges started when the New York correspondent of the Jerusalem POST sent in a dispatch that Hadassah, with 300,000 members, was the largest Zionist organization in the United States.

HABOKER, an Israeli paper which supports the General Zionists in Israel, criticized the dispatch, asserting that the ZOA had more than a million members.

The Jerusalem POST retorted that while it appreciated HABOKER's desire to be of service "to its General Zionist supporters in the United States, we would like to point out that the ZOA, even under the presidency of Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, never claimed more than a membership of 250,000."

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National Jewish Post  
NEW YORK—Recent additions to the kosher products and companies under supervision of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations have brought the total to 219, it was announced this week.

New foods now under UOJC supervision include detergents, frozen poultry, apple jelly, cleaners and several foods for children. These include chocolate and butterscotch puddings, chopped mixed vegetables, junior pears and pineapple and cooked barley cereal.

Saul Bernstein, UOJC administrator, said that applications from dozens of additional firms are now being investigated.

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## NAMES IN THE NEWS

### RABBI KORN SAYS IGNORANCE WAS CAUSE OF HIS ANTI-ZIONISM

**A** FORTHRIGHT explanation for an anti-Zionist philosophy was made last week by youthful Rabbi BERTRAM W. KORN, senior rabbi at Temple Kneseth Israel in Philadelphia. As reported on in the Philadelphia Jewish Times, Rabbi Korn was one of the speakers at the Eighth Annual Dinner of the Philadelphia Zionist Organization. The weekly reported that the significant fact in Dr. Korn's appearance was that he was the first senior rabbi of Kneseth Israel to announce that he was a Zionist. His predecessors have all been anti-Zionist. Rabbi Korn admitted he had been an anti-Zionist before his training at Hebrew Union College, "but, he assured his listeners, this was a frame of mind born of ignorance."



KORN

### The Sharp Rebuke

The reaction of Cleveland Jewry, which turned out "in droves" to see Borshat-Capades, the Yiddish revue of MICKEY KATZ, drew a sharp blast from the convention Bulletin of Young Israel of Cleveland. The bulletin described the performance as "rarely rising above the mediocre and often sinking below the vulgar," and added that "the show displayed all the sickening traits that characterize so-called Yiddish art."

### The Bitter Herb

Not all elements of Agudas Israel, the ultra-Orthodox international Jewish organization, have made their peace with Zionism's success in producing the Jewish State. As reported by World Wide News Service, H. A. GOODMAN, secretary of the British section, sharply denounced Zion-

ism as a tool of assimilationism in London last week. He told a public meeting that "Orthodox Jewry will never accept the Zionist education system" because Agudas Israel "rejects every form of Zionist national assimilation."

### The Notable First

MORRIS GALATZAN, 39-year-old El Paso attorney, became the first Jewish district court judge in West Texas when he was appointed last week by Gov. Allen Shivers to fill a vacancy. Galatzan has been one of the most active younger Jewish leaders in El Paso's community.

### The Mystery Trip

Practically nobody in Israel was inclined this week to believe that the current visit of Prime Minister DAVID BEN-GURION to England was actually "strictly private," as announced in Jerusalem. World Wide News Service reported that "some observers are said to feel that it was no coincidence that the Israel Premier chose to visit London at a time when the issue of the defense of the Suez Canal and the Middle East is uppermost in the minds of high British officialdom."



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### The New Challenge

A battering assault on the extremist Zionist "theory of catastrophe" came last week from a vigorous exponent of Jewish nationalism, DR. SAMUEL MARGOSHES. Speaking in Winnipeg, Margoshes said that the theory which holds that Jewish life outside of Israel must always go through the cycle of rise and fall, has no validity on the North American continent. The Zionist Organization of America publicist said that "here the laws of Catastrophe do not apply" and that the Jewish communities of the United States and Canada "can build their life with safety

### Baby Book Published For Jewish Parents

NEW YORK—A book designed for the Jewish mother of a new baby to keep a record of the child's growth, development and interests, "Our Baby," has been published by the Women's League of the United Synagogue.

In addition to the customary data of such books, the new publication includes information on Jewish customs and ceremonies connected with the birth of a Jewish boy, the naming of the infant and similar data. The text was done by Mrs. Sadie Rose Weilerstein and illustrations by Maurice Rawson.

and assurance, not for a day nor for decades, not for centuries, but forever."

### The Hard Decision

Support for efforts by New York City newsdealers to bar the Communist Daily Worker from their newstands came last week from Rabbi WILLIAM F. ROSENBLUM, leading civic defense worker. The decision of the executive board of the Newsdealers Association of Greater New York to ban the Communist sheet has already been assailed by newspaper publishers as a violation of freedom of the press. Rabbi Rosenblum told the American Jewish Press that his stand did not mean that he did not favor a free press, and also that he was speaking as an individual.

### With The Rabbis

Rabbi MORRIS PICKHOLZ was installed as spiritual leader of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun in Philadelphia.

Rabbi JOSEPH ROTHSTEIN has assumed his duties as spiritual leader of B'rith Sholom synagogue in Charleston.

Rabbi HUGO MANTEL, spiritual leader of Temple Ashkenaz at Cambridge, Mass., for the past ten years, has accepted the pulpit at Congregation Sons of Zion in Holyoke, Mass.

Rabbi BENNO M. WALLACH was installed last Friday as spiritual leader of Temple Beth El in Worcester, Mass., with his brother, Rabbi S. GERSON LEVI, as guest speaker for the ceremony.

### Agudas Israel Offers Free Family Life Book

NEW YORK—A 70-page book on "Jewish Family Life" is being distributed free by Agudath Israel of America, ultra-Orthodox movement at 130 W. 42nd St., New York City.

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## REPORT FROM HOLLYWOOD

### JOAN CRAWFORD MAY INDEED BE VERY INTERESTED IN ISRAEL

By SIMON WINCEBERG

**A** VERBATIM quote, if I may from Volume VII, No. 46 of "Review of the Week's Motion Picture News," which the International Department of Warner Brothers is thoughtful enough to circulate among the foreign press, "Max Rabinoff, European and American impresario, was in Hollywood to ask Joan Crawford to visit Palestine next spring in the interest of Israeli's cultural and artistic developments. The impresario was Miss Crawford's guest at Warner Brothers Studio, where she is starring in 'Goodbye, My Fancy.'"

Miss Crawford's reaction? The press release doesn't say. But the results were not perhaps entirely negative. Rabinoff and Miss Crawford spent together at the studio, and Miss Crawford said she would be very much interested in coming to Israel, only at the present time she had too many other commitments.

At any rate, studio publicity departments seem to have become aware of the amount of Hebrew spoken at foreign press previews these days, and are slanting their releases accordingly.

**C**ARL-HEINZ Roth, now a stage director and dramatic coach in Hollywood, learned as early as the age of 18 that one may not act natural on a stage. That was in Hamburg, when he attempted to follow up his success in the role of an old rabbi in "Uriel Acosta" by essaying the part of a young lover. He recalls having tackled the latter role with such dismal untheatrical naturalness that he was retired to the bench for the rest of the season.

More recently, as an associate of Erwin Piscator at the Drama Workshop of the New School in New York, Roth experienced similar difficulties in convincing Broadway and screen star Marlon Brando to act less natural.

**ALL THIS FINDS MR. ROTH**, who is the discoverer and teacher of film star Colleen Gray among others, following closely but independently in the footsteps of a streamlined Stanislavsky and Duse method of "more particularization" and less underacting.

A one-time professor at the New Conservatory in Vienna and a former director at the Pasadena Playhouse, Mr. Roth, now snugly entrenched just south of the Sunset Strip, is readying a series of modern European plays for local production.

Among them are "The Yellow Rose" (to be presented as "Pieces of Mind") by concentration camp victim Paul Kornfeld; and "Napoleon Goes to Nuremberg," an anti-Nazi and anti-war play, recently a big postwar success in Hamburg. The latter play draws certain interesting parallels between Napoleon and the war criminals of Nuremberg, and suggests that there is a danger of future generations remembering them primarily for their impressive, if short-lived, military achievements.

**A** BELATED result of the visit my mother and I paid to the set of Paramount's "The Goldbergs" some time ago has just turned up in Flama, Portugal's leading magazine, to whom I transmitted the fruit of my findings, with the result that Igo Kantor, Flama's regular film correspondent, found it in his heart to predict in this wonderful flamboyant Portuguese language that "The Goldbergs" "promises to be a fountain of uninterrupted laughter."

**T**HE Production Code Administration's Seal of Approval being an entirely voluntary form of censorship, its being withheld from the controversial British film, "Oliver Twist"—said to portray the Jew Fagin in a way which is at least visually scurrilous—will not prevent Eagle-Lion from releasing it to the O'Donnel chain of theaters in Texas.

A spokesman for the Motion Picture Association feels, however, that without the PCA seal, the film has little chance of being handled by the vast majority of U. S. exhibitors.

### Hungarian Reds Grab Main Jewish Library

VIENNA—(WNS)—The Jewish Community library in Budapest, containing over 20,000 volumes in diverse languages, has been nationalized and its administration placed under control of government officials, according to information reaching here from the Hungarian capital.

Immediately after the nationalization procedure, officials searched the library and removed over 4,000 books on religious and Jewish national subjects. The library was established more

than eighty years ago and its facilities had been widely used by the Jewish youth and scholars of Hungary.

### U. S. Takes Title To Eva Braun Films

WASHINGTON (WNS)—Formal title to the Eva Braun motion picture dealing with her private life with Hitler has been taken by the U. S. Government this week.

In the event the films are used commercially, it was reported, the royalties will go to the U. S. Treasury.

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## WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT

WE NEED TO LIVE WITH OTHERS  
AND SOME INTERFAITH PLANS WORK

By HELEN COHEN

THE idea of interfaith gestures, of better understanding with our non-Jewish neighbors has fallen out of favor lately. Let's stick to strengthening ourselves from within, describes the present mood.

Yet anyone outside of Manhattan Island knows that it is necessary to live in accord with other groups and that even the smallest bridge of understanding is worth the building. For Indianapolis Reform Rabbi Maurice Goldblatt an exceptionally praiseworthy effort in this direction should be recorded.

Last week I heard Rabbi Goldblatt review Hersey's "The Wall," which marked his 13th season—each November he gives a group of four book reviews—all of which have been open to any who wish to attend. And because Rabbi Goldblatt has maintained a consistently high standard, giving careful thought and thorough preparation to his reviews (his account of the last ditch stand by the Jews of the Warsaw Ghetto against the nazis, told with quiet restraint, with overtones of irony, sorrow and pride, couldn't have been more effectively or maturely done) and because the women have had the feeling of really being welcomed, the reviews have come to be an institution, eagerly awaited each fall, helping to give non-Jewish women a dignified meeting ground with their Jewish neighbors.

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EACH year lately, what with the high cost of feeding five little ones, I have derived ever-greater satisfaction from the knowledge that I don't have to go out and buy trappings for Christmas. Say, that's an idea; we might be able to snag a few converts among those fed up with Yuletide bills.

And while I'm on the subject, one ad by a rug sweeper in the ladies magazines not too subtly advised husbands that the missus would be much happier with one of their products than with "tinsel," a fact which advertising managers of fancy cosmetics and black lace nighties have been successfully hiding from papa all these years. Most women, I'd wager, are much more pleased with a gift that adds comfort or beauty to their homes than with any feminine frippery, especially if the going hasn't been too easy.

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FOR this Chanukah, the United Synagogue of America (Conservative) put out a little booklet "Chanukah Home Service" by Dore Schary. If the well-known movie magnate won't mind too much my saying so, the pamphlet neither sounds like a suitable group of messages to be addressed to young children on the succeeding nights (the language and tone are adult fare) nor does it sound like it could have been written by anyone but a rabbi.

That doesn't detract greatly from its significance. Judaism can see the glimmering of a new dawn when one of its sons, having achieved prominence in the secular Christian environment, is willing to allow his name to appear as author of an attempt at creating new forms and new vitality in a Jewish holiday.

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WHEN he can get his hands on it, no one enjoys THE POST more than our young Ben. He literally eats it up, though how he can digest it—or for that matter stomach it—after he has swallowed a paragraph or two is more than I can say. Not that we can claim a discriminating taste on our son's part, for he is always putting everything within reach into his mouth.

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THE managing editor tells me that a certain Chicago rabbi will be happy to treat me to lunch if ever I get to the Windy City, in order that he might point out to me the extent of my ignorance. Don't consider wasting your hard-earned money, rabbi. I am already aware of that condition.

Hamburg Nazi Gets  
Release From Prison

MUNICH (WNS) Carl Kaufman, former Gauleiter of Hamburg, who supervised the deportation of Jews from that city, has been released from prison on alleged ground of poor health, it was reported here this week.

During the three months of incarceration, Kaufman's friends were busy persuading British and German officials that he had long become repentant and that it would not serve ends of justice to keep a sick man in prison. Their persuasion was effective and the criminal who had no moral scruples in deporting thousands of Jews to death is now free to dream of the day when he hopes again to become a Gauleiter.

India Jews Anxious  
To Go to Israel

NEW DELHI (WNS)—The most pressing problem among the Jews of Southwestern India is emigration, it was reported here by H. Cynowicz, India Zionist leader, who has just completed a tour of Jewish communities in the Malabar area.

Of the 2,000 Jews, who resemble the Yemenite Jews, 100 have settled in the Jewish state, and the rest are awaiting settlement in Israel. The Jewish community in Cochin is about 2,000 years old.

The meeting halls in Malabar, where he delivered reports on the Jewish state, were crowded to capacity with Jews eager to hear about life in Israel, Cynowicz said.

YOUR  
NAMEConducted By  
N. PEARLROTH

Want to know what your name means? Address your question to Mr. Pearlroth, National Jewish Post.

Zwiebach  
Levinbock

David Zwiebach, 2403 Cereton Ave., Bronx, writes.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would let me know the meaning of my name. I don't know the family's history except that my parents were born in Galicia.

ZWIEBACH is a family name of geographical origin. Its source is the village of Zwiebach near Breslau in Silesia, formerly Germany but now part of Poland.

The last Jew left Zwiebach, for the usual hostile reasons, in the fourteenth century. Yet such is the persistence of tradition and the endurance of human memory, that your ancestor adopted as a family name, the name of an obscure village his forefathers had left 400 years before.

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Mrs. Rebecca Wolfson, 620 West End Ave., New York, N.Y., writes:

I would like very much to know the origin and meaning of my father's family name Levinbock. My parents came from the province of Grodno.

LEVINBOCK (not Levinbock) is a recorded family name of German origin. It was created in the town of Siegburg, in the Rhineland about 1845. There the son of a wealthy farmer named Levy—forced to choose a permanent family name—picked the name of Bock. His own son in turn changed the name to Levinbock, a combination of his father's and his grandfather's surname. A member of this family must have migrated to Russia, a displacement not at all unusual in the history of European Jewry.

What about YOU? Do you know what YOUR name means? It's easy to find out. Just drop a note to Mr. Pearlroth, care of The Post. Be sure to include something about your family history.

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## What Foods These Morsels Be

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THIS week we offer a few remaining recipes for latkes from the immense collection offered by Rokeach and Sons.

## EGGPLANT LATKES

1 medium-sized eggplant ½ cup dry bread crumbs  
¼ cup minced onion ½ tsp. salt  
1 tbsp. Rokeach Nyafat ¼ tsp. pepper  
1 egg, well-beaten 1 egg, well-beaten  
½ cup dry bread crumbs ½ cup Rokeach Nyafat  
Parboil whole eggplant 15 minutes. Drain. Remove pulp from eggplant. Chop fine. Place in mixing bowl. Saute onion in 1 tablespoon Nyafat until golden brown. Add to eggplant. Add 1 well-beaten egg, ½ cup bread crumbs, salt and pepper. Blend well. Shape into flat patties. Dip in beaten egg, then in bread crumbs. Heat Nyafat in heavy skillet. Place patties in hot fat. Fry over medium heat about 3 minutes or until golden brown. Turn and fry about 3 minutes longer to brown other side. Drain on absorbent paper. Serve hot. Yields about 8 eggplant latkes.

## POTATO LOTKES

4 large potatoes 1 teaspoon salt  
1 small onion, grated ¼ teaspoon pepper  
2 eggs ¼ teaspoon baking powder  
½ cup flour ½ cup ROKEACH NYAFAT  
Pare potatoes. Grate into mixing bowl. Drain all excess liquid out of potatoes. Add grated onions. Add eggs and beat until well blended. Mix and sift flour, salt, pepper and baking powder. Stir into potatoes. Mix well. Heat Nyafat in heavy skillet. Always have ½ inch of melted Nyafat in skillet. Drop potato batter by tablespoonfuls into hot fat. Fry over medium heat, 3 minutes or until golden brown. Turn and fry about 3 minutes longer to brown other side. Drain lotkes on absorbent paper. Serve hot. Serves 4 to 6.

7 NEW JEWISH CENTERS ADDED  
TO U. S. TOTAL AT CHANUKAH

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—The National Jewish Welfare Board announced this week that seven modern new Jewish Community Center buildings were added to U. S. Jewish community buildings during Chanukah.

Irving Edison, JWB president, said all seven of the new centers are affiliated with the JWB. Five were opened to public use at Chanukah exercises.

They include the Jewish Center-Synagogue, housing the Holyoke, Mass., center and Congregation Sons of Zion; the Montgomery center at Silver Springs, Md.; the center at Englewood, N. J.; the center at Hamilton, Canada, serving 13 Jewish communities; the East Midwood Jewish Center in Brooklyn; the Wyoming Valley center in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and the center in Memphis, Tenn.

New Center buildings are nearing completion in Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Paterson, N. J., and Nashville, Tenn.

Finished but still to be dedicated are new Center buildings in Houston, Tex., and Columbus, O.



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## Time To Start Planning For A Law Change Body

THE outspoken statement by William B. Herlands, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, that Orthodoxy is seeking an authoritative means to meet the ever-changing conditions of Jewish life today, represents a position that The POST has been propounding for some time.

That Orthodoxy—as Mr. Herlands clearly explains—demands the changes be made within the framework of Jewish Law and by authoritative rabbinic leaders is understandable by those who are not anti-Orthodox in anything and everything.

Some rabbis of Reform and Conservative belief are coming around to the theory of many Orthodox rabbis that a re-born Sanhedrin would be the answer to the problems not only of Orthodoxy but very possibly of Reform and Conservatism as well.

No Sanhedrin for instance would rule—as has been ruled both in Israel and in the United States—that Conservative rabbis are not fully qualified rabbis. (In the United States, some Orthodox rabbis will not address a Reform spiritual leader as “rabbi.”)

No Sanhedrin would demand that only marriages by Orthodox rabbis are valid in Israel.

The responsibility of a Sanhedrin would be tremendous. Jewish Law has been practically frozen for several hundred years now—not 2,000 years, as some uninformed persons have been contending; and a Sanhedrin with the full responsibility of the future of Judaism should

be the answer to the many inconsistencies, not alone of the Orthodox Jews in the United States but of those in Israel as well.

The new Sanhedrin could not ignore the large Reform and Conservative blocs in the United States. Therefore its rulings should serve to bring all wings of Judaism closer together.

A Sanhedrin would give new life to Orthodoxy, now torn between an attempt to serve its adherents, living in a modern environment, and a strong desire to retain true Jewish Law. Orthodoxy should find in the rulings of the Sanhedrin the authoritative changes it needs to live and flourish and grow.

Mr. Herlands was not specific. He didn't say how or by whom or when these changes would be made, except to state that the problem was being studied. This is little consolation to the wife whose husband has taken off for parts unknown or who lies buried in an unknown grave, even though Mr. Herlands assures us that “fair and equitable decisions” are being made.

Orthodoxy needs the Sanhedrin or a similar authoritative body as soon as possible. The problem has been studied for years and years now, with Israel reborn, the solution need not be too far away.

Mr. Herlands' exposition, and similar statements from other leaders will be most helpful towards this end.

What is needed then is the planning on exactly how to reinstitute an authoritative religious ruling body in Orthodoxy and discussion in this direction is the very next step.

## What Are You Going To Do About It, Gentlemen?

THERE has been a considerable reaction to our editorial asking the Rotarians and Kiwanians who are Jews what they plan to do about the fact that local chapters of their organizations in some prominent localities refuse to admit Jews.

Our old friend and former publisher of the St. Louis edition of The POST, Fred Ruslander, sent us clippings from two New Jersey newspapers of Nov. 3 announcing the election of Irving Lillienfeld as president of the Pleasantville Kiwanis Club and of William H. Hirshberg as president of the Jersey City Kiwanis Club.

At the biennial meeting of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, an NJP subscriber from Marianna, Fla., took exception to what had been written, missing entirely the point, and said he would send us a strong letter. He argued that his club followed a policy of accepting one man in a chosen field, the implication being that Jews were not being deliberately excluded; it just happened that way.

In Hammond, Ind., Rabbi U. B. Steuer, writing in his Temple Beth El Bulletin, accused The POST editor of “satisfying his vindictiveness” and recommended that “the matter be handled on a quiet diplomatic manner.”

In all Jewish civic defense activity today,

this working behind closed doors with someone seeing somebody, has been thrown onto the ashheap, at the very point and at the same time that the Jew in the United States refused any longer to accept a second class citizenship status.

It is a little late in the 20th century for clubs like the Rotary and Kiwanis whose entire goal is to perform good works, to be following Hitler's precepts. The working within that reader Sam Siegel describes in his letter in this issue might result in greater progress if a few more Anglo-Jewish papers aired the situation publicly and if the national leadership of the two organizations were made to feel that some of their local units were dipping their toes into the anti-Semitic cesspool.

In the case of both Rotary and Kiwanis, The POST has long known of the many Jews who have been leaders in both organizations. The question is now that The POST's survey—not in the least conducted as a sensational expose—has shown discrimination by some local chapters, are the Jews who hold high offices in Kiwanis and Rotary going to remain silent, or are they going to stand up and ask that something be done?

That is the question: What are you going to do about it, gentlemen?

## The Real Calamity Of 1951

THE United Jewish Appeal conference this weekend may seem to some to be an anticlimax in view of the recent National Planning Conference for Israel.

That attitude can be attributed, at least in part, to the fact that one conference was new, while the other has been an instrumentality of the American Jewish community for aiding Israel for a long time.

To offset the perils in such an outlook, numerous Jewish leaders, both American and Israel, have tried to set the record straight. The facts are simple. Regardless of how many Israel bonds are sold, the gift dollars of the United Jewish Appeal are far more valuable.

If Israel were at this time self-supporting and the bond dollars to be used for normal expansion purposes, the gift dollars would not be needed, but the facts are entirely otherwise.

The gift dollars are needed for helping immigrants who have come to Israel entirely penniless. The less bond money needed to help the newcomers, the more bond money that can be applied to expanding the industry of Israel to bring that nation toward self-sufficiency. The more bond money used for non-productive needs, the less will be available for economic expansion.

The real calamity of 1951 would be submergence of the UJA. If that happened, even a satisfactory bond sale would be only a pyrrhic victory.

The conference this weekend is a significant one and its importance must not be underestimated. A proper climate for the 1951 campaign must be created and all agencies, as well as individual givers, must bend their efforts in this direction.

## Current Comment

The topics for sermons should be chosen in terms of the principle that the synagogue should stick to matters of specific Jewish concern, says Rabbi Irving Miller of Temple Beth in Gary, Ind.—Should the Friday evening sermon be limited to the classical sermon based on a biblical text? Is it proper to discuss current developments in Jewish life from the pulpit? What about a discussion on some social, economic or political question of interest to us as citizens? Would the Korean war or the Marshall Plan be an appropriate topic for a Friday evening sermon?

I venture to say that there are a multitude of opinions on the subject. To explain a biblical text, even in an ingenious manner, without re-

lating it to the vital problems of every day living, as we are faced with them from day to day, is to miss the point and purpose of the sermon. If the synagogue is to serve as a vital force in our lives the message of the synagogue must be associated with the contemporary scene; with events, attitudes, problems, points of view as they are reflected in our thinking and living.

Yet the pulpit as a platform of discussion has its limitations. It should primarily concern itself with the religious, ethical and moral concept involved in a given situation. A discussion of international affairs is appropriate only insofar as it serves as an example of a religious or moral principle.

## THE EDITORS CHAIR

WHEN MOSHE SHARRET told delegates at the 19th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in so many words that they shouldn't build Jewish hospitals now but should instead divert the funds to Israel, I may have agreed with him, but I think he is making a mistake—in delivering himself of these thoughts—in his position vis a vis the American Jewish community.

Mr. Sharret asked what would happen to the Jews of the United States if God forbid, Israel should go under, and he told of the great uplift in spirit to the Jews of the United States as a result of the heroism and fortitude of the Israeli.

All of this is true, and as I said I may agree with Mr. Sharret, but he is not the person to tell it to us.

If Sam Rothberg wants to get up and tell a community that the new temple it is building is being constructed over bodies of Israeli Jews, again I may or may not agree, but Sam—who is doing many times his share to help Israel—has a perfect right to say what he feels to American Jews as an American Jew.

Sam, yes, but not Mr. Sharret. It may be proper for Israeli to discuss the American Jewish community among themselves and reach whatever conclusion they wish, but they are overstepping the bounds of proper intercourse when they tell us what we feel or should feel or what we should or should not do.

Mr. Sharret's talk was lucid and forceful and his explanation of why we American Jews must not attempt to tell the Israeli what to do was the clearest exposition of the relationship of the two countries I've ever heard. He said it was the obligation of American Jews to offer advice, otherwise they would be derelict in their duty as Jews to other Jews in need; but he warned that the decisions must be made by the Israeli. They could not and should not be forced to obey the will of Jews in another land. He gave as a parallel the time when the first colonies in Israel in the early part of this century were dependent even for direction from Jewish philanthropists and leaders in other countries. The colonists failed because they did not have the responsibility for their success in their own hands. Once the arrangement was

changed, the colonists knew they had to succeed, it was up to them. This they did and thus were built the foundations of the new land.

I can understand how and why the Israeli cannot understand the American Jew. We don't understand ourselves. We're torn this way and that. We're not sure of what we are doing and there is always a large enough group to form a formidable opposition to almost everything that American Jewry is undertaking.

So, Mr. Sharret, what I'm giving you is advice. It is my duty, as you pointed out, to give it, but I am pretty sure I'd give you the advice if you didn't think so. I pay \$6 a year to the Zionist Organization of America as dues, and in America that alone entitles one to give free advice.

I'VE JUST COME back from another trip East, and my hope is that I can stay home for a few days anyway.

I covered the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in Washington. The adjective that describes the behavior of the convention is “abject,” and the noun is “submission.”

In his masterful report, new president Julian Freeman pointed out that there were honest differences of opinion on the moot questions facing the CJFWF. But when the Zionists finished with the CJFWF, that organization if it had an opinion, decided that evidently it wasn't entitled to one, and withdrew from the field.

I happen to hold that the CJFWF viewpoint is a healthy one. I may not agree that it should go all the way, and I don't see how it possibly can hope to ever tackle Hadassah even if it could be shown—which it can't—that Hadassah fund-raising is injurious to the overall cause of Israel gifts. But the CJFWF—as Foreign Minister Moshe Sharret pointed out in an address to the convention—has a duty to present its views as vigorously as possible.

I have a letter from Charles Brown of Los Angeles, who has been my choice for president of the Zionist Organization of America almost any time, and also one from Ben Winick who has just been reelected president of the Southeastern region of the ZOA. They point out that I went even farther in my editorial of a Continued on next Page)

## Portion of the Week

### VAYIGASH

PARSHAS Vayigash. Gen. 44: 18-47; 27. Hapthara Ezek. 37: 15-28. Judah had offered himself as a bondsman to serve Joseph proves to Joseph that his brethren instead of Jacob's youngest son Benjamin. This self-sacrifice had learned their lesson. So he reveals his identity to them in one of the most human and moving stories in the Bible. Joseph's first question is after the well-being of his father. He makes plans for the entire tribe to move to Egypt. Upon their arrival, they are introduced to the fertile land of Goshen as their Pharaoh, who provides for them grazing and settling ground. The portion concludes with the story of a great famine that befell Egypt and that exhausted their provisions, and of Joseph's ingenuity in providing bread for the cattle men in exchange for their animals in order to sustain their lives. Ezkil was the son of a priest and was among the captives carried off into Babylonia.

He admonishes Israel in the Hapthara of the individual responsibility that lies with every Israelite. He is a preacher of repentance and Divine forgiveness.

—Rabbi Frank Rosenthal

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### Col. Henshel Says Ribalow Failed As Columnist In Maccabiah Charges

Editor, National Jewish Post:

Suppose Pegler or O'Donnell published a quotation from an interviewer in another paper in which Israel sportsmanship in the recent Maccabiah were maligned. Suppose Pegler or O'Donnell did not first take the trouble, as good newspapermen, to find out if the interview were authentic, or if in fact it had not been corrected, repudiated, or retracted.

Suppose Pegler or O'Donnell had not anticipated that readers might question the authenticity of such criticism and had not attempted, as good newspapermen, to reach others in the U. S. delegation to the games in Israel, 41 athletes plus several dozen U. S. officials, committeemen, and friends who accompanied the team to learn what these other Americans had to say about the subject.

Would not Gabriel Cohen as well as other Americans have condemned Pegler, O'Donnell, and their publishers as anti-Semitic, or at least unfair and sloppy newspapermen?

How easily a well intentioned and competent sportswriter could have reached Dr. Harry Werbin, a reputable Kansas City physician who would have denied the accuracy of the alleged

interview, exaggerated, false, distorted, and contrary to fact in detail and in over-all intention, from beginning to end. How easily he could have reached any of the well known 41 U. S. athletes from coast to coast who participated in the games or those of the Committee who accompanied the athletes, my co-chairman, Charles L. Orstein, or Charles Greene, our treasurer, or Edward Norman, our vice chairman—all of us fairly well known to your staff as well as in the Jewish community of the United States; or Dan Ferris, a non-Jew, probably the highest authority on amateur athletics in the world, who officiated at the games in Israel; or dozens of plain American visitors to Israel who attended the games, including Justice Alberman Nova of the N. Y. State Supreme Court.

Ordinary newspaper ethics would have called for fact checking. It would have developed, at least in my opinion, the most kindly impression of Israel's athletes and spectators, and sportsmanship equal, in my experienced opinion, to the best in America and Great Britain. It would also have uncovered great admiration for the accomplishments of Israel's officials for a

tremendously successful job under almost impossible conditions. It would have brought forth from those of us who contributed our time and our money, who suffered many heartaches in financing and organizing our team, a feeling of satisfaction and complete justification of our efforts after we actually saw, heard, and felt Israel's response.

There are many benefits accruing to Israel as well as U. S. and world Jewry because the games were actually held despite the severe living conditions Israel is undergoing. I would prefer a calmer moment to review them. Hundreds of young Jews, bright, alert, and capable, from 20 odd countries visiting old and new Israel, mingling with new Israel's youth in keen sports competition, is not an ordinary occasion. It creates in competitor and emotional experience which cannot easily be analyzed. Certainly it requires a kindlier attitude than indicated by the POST's sports columnist.

COL. HARRY HENSHEL  
New York.

Ed. Note: For Columnist Ribalow's comments on this situation, please see "The Sports Whirl," elsewhere in this issue. B. G.

### JEWISH MEMBER OF KIWANIS SAYS WORKING ON BIAS FROM WITHIN

Editor, National Jewish Post:

I have been reading with a great deal of interest your editorials about Kiwanis and Rotary. I happen to be a charter member of my local Kiwanis club, have been on district and international committees, and have served as lieutenant governor in the Florida district. Since you have asked repeatedly in your editorials what we who belong may think, I will try to tell you.

I know that there are many Kiwanis Clubs that do not have, and do not want, Jewish membership, and I know that in many instances, this is due to the fact that in many communities members of our faith do not take an active role in civic affairs. I know also that in many instances, it is just plain bigotry.

Those of us who are in these Service Clubs, men like Harry Moscovitz, past president of the Lakeland Club, Frank Shames, of the Sanford club, and dozens of others are working continuously from within to stop the type of action that apparently has aroused your editorials.

We have been successful in changing the editorial policy on our International Magazine on certain issues we felt might be construed as biased, and to have certain writers dropped from the Chicago.

There is not a great similarity between the American Bowling Congress' complete exclusion of Negroes, and the situation in Kiwanis. It is a rare club that does not have some Jewish membership, and I know of only three clubs out of the 75 in Florida that I believe have any exclusion policy, and it is my humble opinion that they will be converted before too long.

SAM H. SIEGEL  
Haines City, Florida

### One Korea Rabbi Not Conservative

Editor, National Jewish Post:

May I direct your attention to an error in Rabbi Samuel Silver's column? Rabbi Silver's error is based on a similar error made by the Americaner from which the item is taken.

Rabbi Oscar M. Lifshutz, whom he lists among the three Jewish chaplains in Korea, is a graduate of the Hebrew Theological college which is orthodox and not the Jewish Theological Seminary which is Conservative. It may interest you to know that Chaplain Garson Goodman who landed with the marines at Inchon and Wonsan is also one of our men.

RABBI N. E. FRIMER  
Hebrew Theological College  
Chicago.

### The Editor's Chair

(Continued from preceding page) few weeks back than the CJFWF went. Sure I did. I have always favored national budgeting and I am for it now more than ever. That is my right. As to the CJFWF position, it has shifted so many times since Zionist Alex Lowenthal began to shout "boo," that I don't know where it stood on any issue in recent weeks.

There is only one excuse for the CJFWF. The organization was just in the position of changing leadership. Julian Freeman was coming in and Stanley Myers was leaving, and neither may have wanted to tie the hands of the other.

As for my editorial on the CJFWF position as an open forum, in last week's POST, I wrote it before the resolutions were passed. As the resolutions were read, and all mention of a Central Israeli Fund, Central Israeli Budget or the national campaign blueprint were deleted, I could hardly believe my ears. A forum requires two viewpoints and there was only one in Washington. On the issue of a central Israeli budget (pooling of all funds raised for Israel and allocation to be made on the basis of priority by a commission of Israel) all the regional meetings of the CJFWF had endorsed it, which would seem to me to indicate that the General Assembly had some sort of mandate to try to make that the decision of the national body.

This little piece may indicate to you why Mr. Sharret and other Israeli leaders find it difficult to analyze correctly the American Jewish community.

### U. S. RABBI NOW IN SOUTH AFRICA DEFENDS KUDOS FOR U. S. UNITY

Editor, National Jewish Post:

The headline of the brief account of my talk to the Zionist Luncheon club, Johannesburg, which appeared in the October 20, 1950, issue of the National Jewish Post, read "Weird Example."

I believe that if you were present during my talk you would not have reached the conclusion that I had given weird examples of conditions in the U.S.A. which I intimated could be followed by the South African Religious Jewish Community. I pointed out that the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform groups in the U.S. have learned to co-operate in many ways, without giving up any of their basic convictions and religious outlook. I brought examples of the co-operation of the Rabbis and lay leadership through the Synagogue Council of America, the New York Board of Rabbis, and the Committee on Response of the Division of religious activities of the Jewish Welfare Board, and finally of the Jewish Chaplaincy.

I am aware that we have not reached an ideal situation in the U. S. and there is a great deal of enmity among the Rabbinic and lay leadership of the various communities. Still, it is not as bad as the situation existing here in South Africa, where the Rabbis have practically no contact and are openly hostile to each other. It is a situation which

I, coming from the U. S. and having many friends among the Conservative and Orthodox rabbis, find most abhorrent.

Can you imagine a situation occurring in the U. S. such as took place in Johannesburg where a special meeting of the Jewish Board of Deputies had to be called in order to give the President an opportunity to defend his actions in coming to welcome me in the name of the Board at an Oneg Shabbat given in my honor at Temple Israel—the Reform Temple in Johannesburg? Of course, the vast majority of the members of the Board voted in favor of their President's participation on this occasion, and realized that Reform Jewry is part of K'lal Yisrael. But there are many diehards who refuse to accept this situation. It is difficult for me to fathom such a fanatical view, and I hardly imagine such a situation arising in the U.S.A.

RABBI MEYER MILLER  
Temple David,  
Durban, So. Africa.

NEW YORK—The first national educational conference of Young Zionist districts of the Zionist Organization of America will be held Dec. 22 through Dec. 23 in Atlantic City.

The youth districts were set up on the basis of chapters of Masada, which was absorbed by the ZO A early this year.

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## THE WORLD OF BOOKS

LUDWIG LEWISOHN'S NEW BOOK  
IS A KICK IN THE COUNCIL'S TEETH

By WARD MOORE

TWENTY-FIVE years ago the cultivated, integrated American Jew, who earnestly believed that the "enlightenment" had brought Jewry out of the darkness of a preoccupation with dead ritual and outmoded particularism, could point—among others—to Ludwig Lewisoohn as a man who, without resigning the word Jew, offered the gentile world a fine example of cultural adjustment. Lewisoohn wrote books on literature and drama; he explained German writers to Americans and American writers to the Philistines; he taught at respectable institutions and lectured to audiences seeking nothing more disturbing than self-improvement. Lewisoohn, if not completely the beau ideal of the assimilationist, was undeniably a man of the world—the gentile world.

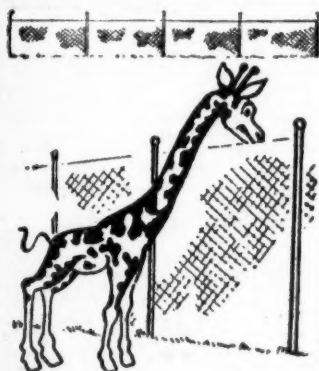


ing just read a series of lectures delivered by Elmer Berger which indeed babbled about prophetic Judaism ("... their very high sense of literary style." "There probably existed in these people a strain of the simplicity of desert life." And a long explanation that of course the prophets did not prophesy) and denying the God of Amos and Jeremiah ("This deity was the god of the Midianite people, of whom Moses' father-in-law was the High Priest." "Some theories hold that they worshipped the pig... this theory may account for the taboo on pork in Judaism to this day.") Mr. Lewisoohn's volume had the very definite effect of an antiseptic.

INDEED, Mr. Lewisoohn asks the identical questions asked by the Council. What are we? Why should we survive? Is Jewish particularism outmoded? His answers are only not those of the Council, they are a sweeping repudiation of the Council attitude, of the me-too philosophy, of the if-I'm-quiet-and-don't-call-attention-to-myself-no-one-will-call-me-kike psychology. Mr. Lewisoohn has written affirmatively of a people who have survived for 40 centuries through repeating the greatest of Affirmations, the Shema.

IF LEWISOHN caused some uneasiness by his Zionism, it was generally soothed by his vigorous attempt to reconcile Judaism and Hellenism; if a novel like "The Island Within" or "The Last Days of Shylock" appeared to echo the prayer of thanks for "having made a distinction between Israel and the nations," this was balanced and mitigated by his explanation for dispensing with a mezuzah—since he did not accept literal revelation.

In "The American Jew" (Farar, Strauss, New York, 175 pages, \$2.50) Ludwig Lewisoohn has divorced his admirers of the melting-pot school and in the American Council for Judaism. Indeed, it seems to me he has given the Council a particularly resounding kick in the teeth. Speaking of the average man bereft of faith and foundation: "He babbles, among Jews, about prophetic Judaism, and denies the God who bade the trembling and



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Rabbi Gordis Writes  
New Koheleth Study

NEW YORK—The Wisdom of Koheleth, a new translation in English with a commentary and an introductory essay by Rabbi Robert Gordis, has been published in the East and West Library.

Dr. Gordis made an extensive study of the Book of Ecclesiastes, and the book is based on a new translation from the Hebrew text.

best intellectual opinion," including Auden, John Dewey, Farrell, Graves, Sidney Hook, Dwight MacDonald, Philip Rahv, Isaac Rosenfeld and others. Maritain, as might have been expected, stands apart from the other contributors as being the only one who knows what the subject under discussions is; the others repeat inanities about "naturalism" or "a self demonstrating natural law"—whatever that is.

Indeed, except for the contributions of M. Maritain and the refreshingly straightforward if rather innocent statement by Dwight MacDonald, one would think "Religion and the Intellectuals" a collaboration rather than a symposium—a collaboration dating from the days of Albert the Good, the Crystal Palace and Prof. Darwin's exciting new book. However, one cannot help feeling that even at their gruffest and most Victorian, these intellectuals are treading delicately. Almost any believing person, acting the role of advocatus diaboli, could have made out a better case for unbelief.

AS FOR THE contributors who were born Jews, their papers are in no way to be distinguished from those of their gentile collaborators. One would imagine that they had never heard of Judaism and that their knowledge of religion is confined exclusively to Christianity.

Israel Yiddish Poet  
Wins Furone Prize

NEW YORK (WNS)—The European Literature Prize for the best literary work published in Yiddish during 1950 has been awarded to Abraham Suzkever, noted Yiddish poet residing in Israel.

Suzkever will receive 1,000 Swiss francs for his work. The award was established by the European section of the Yiddish Cultural Congress.

YIVO Publishes Fifth  
Social Science Annual

NEW YORK — In connection with the 25th anniversary conference of the Yiddish Scientific Institute, YIVO, publication was announced this week of the fifth volume of the Yivo "Annual of Jewish Social Science."

The conference will take place here Jan. 13 to 17.

Brandeis Gridders  
End First Season;  
Four Wins, Two Losses

By HARRY CUSHING

National Jewish Post Correspondent

WALTHAM, Mass.—(NJP)—The first football team of the nation's first Jewish-sponsored non-sectarian university has ended its first season with a record of four wins and two losses.

No matter what the viewpoint from which this first football season at Brandeis University is studied, it must be rated as a highly successful opening in intercollegiate gridiron circles.

As important as the impressive opening season is the record of thousands of new friends and countless admirers who otherwise might not have known of the fledgling institution.

The year 1950 not only marked the entry of the first football team of a unique innovation in American higher education but it also signified the first time that an American frosh grid squad was flown to a game. Coach Benny Friedman's yearlings opened the season and football history for Brandeis with a smashing win over the Maine Maritime varsity team.

The reason for the flying trip stemmed from the insistence of Brandeis on scholarship before athletics. Dr. Abram L. Sachar, president of Brandeis, laid down the rule that Brandeis students in sports are to lose as little time as possible from their studies. Plans for the trip by air were geared to the hope of preventing the players from missing any classes.

The first year record also must be studied against the rule that all members of the team were required to maintain a high level of scholarship as one requirement for staying on the team. And at Brandeis, they mean it.

For its second test, Brandeis tangled with a college noted in the "big time." It did not detract from the well-earned victory of the Boston College frosh that the Brandeis freshmen played below par in the zeal to break into tougher competition and to win over Boston.

Costly fumbles and a general lack of timing and precision, much of it traceable to the nervousness of the green players, helped give Brandeis its first defeat.

From many points of view, including prestige, the game with the Harvard freshmen was the game of the first season. The Brandeis team came home with a 21 to 13 victory.

Brandeis match at Wolfboro, N. H., sent it against its only preparatory school foe but one of the strongest prep school teams in the area. Brewster Academy was no match for the Friedman-coached freshmen of Brandeis who won 18 to 6. Against Springfield College, Brandeis won again, and by the same score.

Brandeis suffered its second loss against the Boston University frosh. A big crowd came to Nickerson field and watched a game that matched all pre-contest forecasts for a battle. Brandeis played its best game of its first season but lost 20 to 7.

Brandeis followers of the gridiron will be watching several players who demonstrated promise in the first season. Sid Goldfader of Worcester is already rated one of New England's top yearling backfield players. Dick Jones, one of the Negro lads on the team, is being hailed as an outstanding first year half back. Other gridders who caught the eye of sports fans were Mort Rachman, Fran Cowgill and Bob Griffin.

At the coaching end, there has been superb handling by Friedman, George Kenneally, and Harry and Jerry Stein.

JORDAN, ISRAEL NEAR PEACE  
ON CONVOY TRIPS TO MT. SCOPUS

TEL AVIV—(WNS)—The long dispute between Jordan and Israel over the right of Israel to send convoys across Arab lines to Jerusalem was believed nearing an end this week when a convoy, including twenty visitors was permitted to make its way to the Hebrew University and the Hadassah Hospital with supplies and relief for police guards and civilian employees.

Agency Repudiates  
Israel Tour Club

NEW YORK—The Jewish Agency this week warned that it had no connection with the Israel Touring association, which announced last month it had established offices here "under the authorization" of the Jewish Agency.

The Agency said the club had no connection and that the Agency bore no responsibility for the club's activities.

Settlement of the dispute was reached at a meeting of the Jordan-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission soon after the arrival of Maj. General William E. Riley, United Nations Chief of Staff, from Lake Success.

Further trouble loomed however in the wake of a disclosure that an Israeli army officer had been killed in ambush on a road along the disputed Beersheba-Elath area. In a note to General Riley, Israel termed the incident "another attack by the Hashemite Jordan kingdom forces on our forces within Israeli territory." The note demanded an emergency meeting of the Mixed Armistice Commission.

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## THE SPORTS WHIRL Furore Over Maccabiah Report Raises Issue: Is Honest Criticism Of Israel A Grave Sin?

By HAROLD U. RIBALOW

THE phone rang. It was Carl Alpert, POST columnist and Zionist Organization of America official. "Did you get any repercussions on your last column yet?" he asked me. When I said "No," he replied curtly "you will." It turned out, according to Carl, that my story two weeks ago about Dr. Harry Werbin's unfavorable report on the Maccabiah had bothered a number of readers.

A day later I discovered that Carl Alpert wasn't fooling. I was contacted by Col. Harry Henshel, who is a bigwig in U. S. amateur

athletics and who attended the Maccabiah as a Jewish Welfare Board bigwig. Col. Henshel, usually a good-natured, rational individual, told me that he had written a letter to The POST about my Werbin column in which he pleasantly compared me with Pegler and O'Donnell. Nice company.

My crime was that I had reprinted in part a Kansas City STAR interview with Dr. Werbin without long-distanting Dr. Werbin to find out if the good doctor had not been misquoted. (I wonder if Col. Henshel realizes that those who write for the English-Jewish press cannot casually pick up the phone and call any or all parts of the country.) According to Col. Henshel, to Dr. Morton Robbins and to various other indignant readers, a crime was committed somewhere; it wasn't clear whether it was my crime, or Dr. Werbin's or Ernest Mehl's. Mehl was the guy who wrote the original story.



HENSHEL

NOW—WHAT IS even more interesting than the fact that a Jewish doctor who attended the Maccabiah in an official capacity had said some negative things about the international meet, is that the story should have caused such a rumpus. Col. Henshel told me that Dr. Werbin was very disturbed over the original story and that he had refuted it elsewhere. (I assume that the POST will publish the letter sent it by Col. Henshel and that POST readers will read that, according to Col. Henshel, Dr. Werbin denied, refuted and rejected the original story.) Furthermore, Col. Henshel said, the truth is that the Maccabiah was by no means balled up; the athletes were well treated; the Israeli were very sportsmanlike—I should do something about rectifying my bad error in running such a column. Of course, I was accused of trying to be sensational by giving POST coverage to what was, really, a local story. In wrapping it all up, Col. Henshel read to me the letter he sent to Gabriel Cohen in which Pegler and O'Donnell were tossed in.

I am not interested in defending Dr. Werbin, who, if he so desires, can easily defend himself. That he didn't is indicative of the fact that he is an honest enough man not to hide behind the easy phrase of "I was misquoted." Following the interview in the Kansas City STAR, the Kansas City Jewish CHRONICLE Editor introduced the article by saying that it was written because many readers misinter-

preted Dr. Werbin's remarks as I thought—and think—his remarks were worth repeating. But I am willing to agree that his is not the only view one could have taken on these games. His view may be no less valid than another man's—Col. Henshel's for example. But they may also be no more valid. Col. Henshel, a veteran sportsman, assures me that the games were a success. If it seemed that the South Africans got raw treatment in the boxing matches (as Dr. Werbin stated), Col. Henshel pointed out that overseas bouts are judged differently from over here and, anyway, in Madison Square Garden there are plenty of raw decisions.

A VERY CAREFUL reading—and rereading—of the article in the English-Jewish newspaper revealed that nowhere did Dr. Werbin retract the statements attributed to him by Ernest Mehl. He expanded the story and his overall impressions turned out to be more favorable than they were made out to be in the general newspaper (perhaps Mehl omitted facts, but apparently those he used were printed as given to him). But if Dr. Werbin's article in the CHRONICLE was intended to refute the Mehl interview, it was a non-existent refutation. If Dr. Werbin orally, or in writing elsewhere, contradicted the Mehl story, it is most peculiar that he didn't utilize the opportunity afforded him by his local English Jewish newspapers to do so.

But whether Dr. Werbin was trying to get off a hot spot is not the most significant aspect of this entire matter. A Jewish doctor went to the Maccabiah and reported what he saw. He may have seen badly; he may have imagined what he saw; he may have seen too much. The point is, having been placed on record as saying that the Maccabiah was not in all aspects run in a completely sportsmanlike fashion, Dr. Werbin, Ernest Mehl and those who may have reported the story, have been blamed for "wronging the Jewish cause." I've been told that it is harmful enough for the Jews if the Kansas City STAR ran such a tale. I compounded the felony by repeating it. There is no room, apparently, for objectivity, or for exploiting a good news story.

BUT NOW THAT people have become excited about it all, let's go into the question a bit further. Is it a crime for a Dr. Werbin to report unfavorably about the Maccabiah? Even if 90 percent of the athletes who participated in the games think he is all wet, does that mean he must be silenced? Those who, like Col. Henshel, attended the games and think he is wrong in his analyses—why don't they write their own impressions? Why must a sports reporter, in repeating what seems like a good story—and it is a good story when you get an eyewitness account of an overseas event—check with ten, or 20 others at the same event? If their versions are different, so what? Everyone is entitled to his own view of an affair.

But lest anyone think I am Dr. Werbin's medical assistant, let me assure such suspicious characters that I never worked for the good doctor—or against him.

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Col. Henshel and others pointed out that in the basketball game freeze (during which two teams refused to play but tried to hold onto the ball once they held a lead) the game was played not between Argentina and Israel but Argentina and the United States. Here Mehl or Werbin were in error, but the overall point, that the game was not a real sportsmanlike affair, remains valid.

I TRIED TO CHECK, now that everyone seems so excited about Dr. Werbin, with American Jewish athletes who attended the Maccabiah as to their views. I think that the remarks of Daniel Bukantz, a dentist who happens to be one of the top fencers in the land, are typical. He took part in the Olympic Games in England as well as in the Maccabiah in Israel. He said with sincerity that he, and Henry Wittenberg, and Frank Spellman and Henry Laskau and many of the others with him, who had also been to the London games, received greater thrills and kicks out of the Maccabiah. That should at least clear up the point that the games were a flop, athletically. But, Bukantz said that in all honesty he couldn't refute Dr. Werbin's comments. For one thing, Bukantz spent most of his time in Haifa, where the fencers met, and not at Ramat Gan. But, he said, there were many little things one could point to as flaws at the games. There are flaws at all meets. He preferred, and he felt that most of the other athletes preferred, to remember the wonderful things. It was, he emphasized again, a wonderful thing and no one regretted having gone over to contribute to the Maccabiah.

So there we have another point of view. What is disquieting is not that two points of view are possible, but that there are those who would disallow the freedom to express a point of view that is not favorable to Israel. Anyone who reads malice, or anti-Semitism,

## FOURTH MACCABIAH SET FOR THE END OF APRIL IN 1953

TEL AVIV—The fourth Maccabiah, Israel sports festival, will be held at the end of April, 1953, coinciding with the 3,000th anniversary of the founding of Jerusalem, it was decided here by the Eleventh World Maccabi Congress.

At its final session the Congress elected Executive and Action Committees and appointed Professor Selig Brodetsky Honorary President of the World Maccabi and Moshe Chedouche Honorary Chairman.

Dr. Morton B. Robbins, chairman of the Zionist Organization of America Maccabi Committee, who presented the main trophy to the Israel winners of the games on behalf of ZOA President Benjamin G. Browdy, was re-elected a member to the World Maccabi Executive, the only American Zionist to be so designated.

The final standing of the teams in the Third Maccabiah was as follows:

Israel, 708½ points; Great Britain, 328; South Africa, 246; United States, 230; Canada, 62½; Austria, 60; Denmark, 52; India, 44; Argentina, 41; Belgium, 37; Holland, 22; Switzerland, 22; Sweden, 14; Turkey, 13; Ireland, 9; France, 4; Finland, 3 points. Only two teams failed to secure points: Libya and the one-man Australian contingent.

## FINALS OF JWB CAGE TOURNEY TO BE HELD IN MONTREAL IN '51

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—The finals of the 1951 second annual National Jewish Welfare Board basketball tourney will be held in Montreal, the JWB announced this week.

The tourney for Jewish Community Center teams will be played March 10 and March 11 on the court of the new Montreal YMHA.

YMHA. Host to the international tournament will be the Montreal Y quintet, winner of the 1950 Canadian amateur basketball championship and also a Canadian representative in the 1948 Olympic games.

Rules of the title tourneys provide for each of the eight regional JWB sections to have one team finalist. Canadian Jewish Center teams will take part in the tourney for the first time.

Last year the Boro Park, Brooklyn, YMHA won the 1950 title, beating the Elizabeth Y cagers. The finalists fought their way through more than 150 local and regional tournaments.

ism, or Peglerism in the reporting of the attitude of Dr. Werbin is, I am afraid, not completely rational on the subject of Jews in sports. And I say this with every respect for the viewpoint of those who may have felt that the Maccabiah was wonderful and deserved only praise.

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AS THESE columns are written a few weeks in advance, I want to state that about a month ago I decided to quit writing this column. Last week no column appeared in the POST because my "farewell piece" was to have been published. I wired the managing editor to hold that "farewell" column in order that I might write this story.

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## 'Realistic Appraisal' Of Needs Promised 1951 UJA Meet Delegates

(See Editorial This Issue)

NEW YORK—A "realistic appraisal" of the needs of United Jewish Appeal agencies for 1951 awaited delegates assembled in Atlantic City this weekend for the 13th annual UJA national conference.

At the same time, the UJA formally announced appointment of Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz as executive vice chairman of the UJA, succeeding Henry Montor.

Dr. Schwartz is director general of the Joint Distribution Committee, second largest of the three constituent agencies of the UJA. The largest is the United Palestine Appeal. The third partner is United Service for New Americans.

### MONTOR IS IN

The UJA reported that Montor submitted his resignation to take effect Jan. 1, in order to organize and manage "a new financing program for Israel, which will be inaugurated in the United States early next year."

The announcement said that "in his new capacity, Montor will have full responsibility for the flotation of a bond issue in behalf of the Government of Israel."

The statement was the first official announcement that Montor, who has been in a top position in the United Jewish Appeal for 12 years, would run the bond drive.

### TWO POINTS

A bond drive and an intensified UJA drive in 1951 were two points of a four-point plan approved at a National Planning Conference for Israel in Washington in October.

The other two points were a plea for United States grants-in-aid for Israel and plans for stimulation of private investment in the Jewish State.

The "realistic appraisal" was promised the delegates to the annual UJA conference by William Rosenwald, Rudolf G. Sonneborn and Rabbi Joseph B. Wise, national chairmen of the UJA.

### NO SUCCESSOR

With ailing Henry Montor, Jr., having decided to resign the post of UJA general director, there was no indication as to who would be named to the post.

The annual conference will end Sunday when a goal will be established for the 1951 drive and plans will be made to mobilize American Jewry for the next campaign.

Jewish community representation at the conference will be based on Jewish population figures, ranging from one delegate from communities having a population of between 1,000 and 2-

000 to seven delegates from communities with a Jewish population of more than 40,000. New York is sending 25 delegates. A total of 800 delegates were slated to participate.

Moshe Sharret, Israel Foreign Minister, will deliver a major address at the Saturday evening session. Delegates will pay tribute to Morgenthau at a Sunday luncheon session when Morgenthau will formally retire from the UJA general chairmanship.

### Three Years For Killing 16 Jews

HAMBURG (WNS)—William Shalert, former commander of Nazi storm troops, was sentenced here to a prison term of forty months for having shot down sixteen Jews who fell from fatigue in a forced death march from Auschwitz to Katowitz.

Shalert's defense was that by shooting the victims he committed a "humane deed" because he could no longer look on at the agony of the sick Jews. The German court, evidently took his plea into consideration, for otherwise there was no reason why the punishment was not commensurate with the crime.

A new air service from Israel to South Africa has been started by El Al, the Israel National Air Lines.

## Psychiatrist Says Spiritual Leaders Should Not Try To Counsel People With Mental Troubles

CHICAGO—Rabbis and other clergymen are bad medicine for people with mental problems, a Chicago psychiatrist said last week.

Dr. Henry D. Von Witzleben of the University of Illinois said that in some cases, efforts of spiritual leaders in such cases make the task of the psychiatrist harder, according to a Chicago Daily News service report.

The psychiatrist said that mental problems often stem from a feeling of guilt over sin. When dealing with such people, many rabbis, ministers and priests become "punitive" and pass moral judgements, the psychiatrist said.

Such judgements heighten the guilt feeling, makes the patient feel worse and the psychiatrist's job harder, Dr. von Witzleben said.

"Psychiatrists do not regard sin as evil but rather as a psychological abnormality," he said. "We are against sin but not against the sinner."

He said no clergyman should try to work through a person's mental problems with him until the spiritual leader himself has first been psychoanalyzed.

"If he has a blind spot in his own emotional makeup, he will fail to see problems of others," the psychiatrist asserted.

## Religious Bloc Backs Minorities on Sabbath

National Jewish Post

JERUSALEM—A proposal by a Religious Bloc member that minorities in Israel should observe both the Jewish Sabbath and their own day of rest was repudiated by the Bloc.

The proposal had been made in the Israel Knesset by Eliahu Mazur. The repudiation came from Dr. Zarah Warhaftig who said the Religious Bloc view was that Israel minorities should have complete freedom to observe their own day of rest. Dr. Warhaftig said that the Religious Bloc wanted a ban on operation of business enterprises on the Jewish Sabbath when such enterprises are located in Jewish areas.

### HEBREW U. INVITED

JERUSALEM—The Hebrew University is among the 750 institutions of higher learning throughout the world which have been invited by General Dwight D. Eisenhower to help Columbia University observe its 200th anniversary in 1954.

## Israel Envoy Quits Over UN Korea Stand

TEL AVIV—Israel Barzilai has resigned as Israel minister to Poland in protest against his country's support of the United Nations stand against Communist aggression in Korea.

Barzilai's resignation was confirmed by the Israel Foreign Office. Barzilai is a member of Mapam, the left-wing socialist party.

In December, 1948, there were 14 transit camps in Israel with 18,200 inhabitants.

## JNF Annual Meet Set For Jan. 19

NEW YORK (WNS) In a call issued here to all the Jewish communities and groups throughout the United States, recounting the historic achievements of the Jewish National Fund, land purchasing agency for Israel, as well as its plans for the future in the building of the Jewish Homeland, 2000 representatives of Jewish organizations were summoned to attend the Golden Jubilee Conference of the Jewish National Fund, to be held in Washington, D. C., on January 19 to 21.

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